

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF BROWN COUNTY BOARD
MEETING**

May 28, 2015

PRESENT: Marvin Rucker, Jessica Nell, Lisa Van Donsel, Melanie Maczka, Ramon Fierros, Joan Swigert, Corrie Campbell, Pat Finder-Stone, Beth Relich, Larry Epstein, Pat Hickey-

EXCUSED: Barbara Robinson, Lori Rasmussen

ALSO PRESENT: Laurie Ropson, Debra Bowers, Devon Christianson, Christel Giesen, Guadalupe Mercado, Kinsey Black, Kristin Willems, Nicolette Miller

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Rucker at 8:32 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTIONS

ADOPTIONS OF AGENDA: Ms. Relich/ Mr. Epstein moved to adopt the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF April 23, 2015:

Ms. Van Donsel/Ms. Maczka moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2015. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Christianson shared a letter from a consumer expressing his support for the agency and his concern about the proposed legislative changes.

FINANCE REPORT:

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCE REPORT – April 2015:

Ms. Bowers referred to the 2015 Financial Highlights and ADRC Summary Report to demonstrate the expenses and revenues for the month of April.

Supervisor Campbell/ Relich moved to approve the Finance Report – April 2015. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESTRICTED DONATIONS:

There are no restricted donations in the month of April.

Ms. Relich/ Ms. Van Donsel moved to approve the Restricted Donation Report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

STAFF REPORT: DEMENTIA CARE SPECIALIST- NICOLETTE MILLER:

It has been one year since Nicolette Miller accepted the position of the Dementia Care Specialist for the ADRC of Brown County. In that year, six consumers have actively enrolled in the Memory Care Program, five people in early stages of dementia are on the waitlist to work with a LEEPS volunteer, and two volunteers are being trained to provide support in the LEEPS program. The LEEPS program consists of a trained volunteer who visits a dementia patient twice a week. One visit consists of a social activity and an additional visit consists of physical exercise. Ms. Miller has conducted 110 professional consultations and 40 outreach events including training, police training, and State meetings in that year.

Ms. Miller shared in the development of Brown County's first Memory Café, in collaboration with NWTC's Gerontology Program, where people with dementia and their caregivers can participate in social activities in an environment where they feel accepted. Ms. Miller is also working with different businesses training them on how to be Dementia friendly. This new program is called the Purple Angel Awareness program. Each business that participates in this program gets a Purple Angel decal for their door that lets people with dementia and their caregivers know the employees have received training on dementia.

Ms. Miller shared a story about a consumer and his caregiver. Ms. Miller shared their struggles with Dementia and how she was able to provide education on the disease, prevent behaviors, and strategize solutions. Ms. Miller was able to decrease the conflicts, stress levels, and keep the consumer in their home.

ADRC BOARD & COP COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Rucker shared the idea of merging the county COP Program Advisory Committee and the ADRC Board. Mr. Rucker presented the pros and cons and ultimately stated that there is conflict of interest because of Family Care and the role that the ADRC plays as a decision making board and advocacy organization.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

A. BOARD DEVELOPMENT- BOARD TRAINING & THREE YEAR AGING PLAN:

Ms. Christianson went to training on how to develop Boards. Ms. Christianson asked the Board for their input on consent agendas and Board involvement. The Board agreed that they would like to keep the current format.

The ADRC is currently working on the 3 Year Aging Plan. There have been listening sessions to hear what the community has to say about the issues they are facing. Ms. Christianson handed out the Federal Aging Plan handout and asked the Board to contact one or two people and ask them the questions on the handout. This will ensure more participation and opinions to be added to the plan.

B. 211/ CRISIS CENTER/ ADRC REPORT:

Ms. Christianson presented a collaborative report between Brown County United Way 2-1-1, Crisis Center, and the ADRC. This report is put together once a year to demonstrate the activity of both agencies and to make sure services are not being

duplicated. Ms. Christianson referred to pg. 8 of the report to demonstrate the activity of both centers. The highlights of the report, including the unmet needs of callers, were discussed. This type of report also challenges the community to focus on the issues facing our target populations.

C. JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE INFORMATION:

The Joint Finance Committee passed the latest long term care motion regarding Wisconsin's Budget on May 27, 2015. Ms. Christianson emailed the Board the full details of the motions passed and the proposed changes. There is not enough detail in the report to fully understand the changes or how they might impact our agency. Ms. Christianson recommended that everyone continue to voice their opinions and talk to their legislators.

Ms. Christianson presented a handout with consumer stories that was shared with the Department of Health Services. Ms. Relich suggested including cost avoidances at the bottom of each consumer story to show how effective the ADRC is.

D. TRANSPORTATION UPDATES:

The transportation transition from American Red Cross to NEW curative is on target to begin services on July 1, 2015. Both agencies have been meeting to make sure the transition process is as smooth as possible. They are both working on being able to offer American Red Cross Transportation staff positions within NEW Curative. One of the largest priorities is making sure the rate for a ride for consumers who are not on long term care benefit programs to remain the same. Tina Whetung from American Red Cross and Diana Brown from NEW Curative will be presenting in the July 9, 2015 ADRC Board Meeting.

FAMILY CARE UPDATES:

Ms. Nell shared her experience enrolling into IRIS. Ms. Nell expressed how overwhelming the whole experience can be. There is a lot of paperwork and it is a very big decision for consumers. Ms. Relich shared her experience enrolling her daughter in Family Care and agreed that it is a very overwhelming experience. The ADRC will continue to do their best to support consumers as much as they can as they go through this enrollment period.

NEXT MEETING – June 25, 2015 will be the Executive and Finance Committee Meeting, it is not required but everyone is invited. Ms. Christianson and Ms. Bowers will be doing a Finance 101 program. The next full Board Meeting will be held at NEW Curative on Thursday, July 9, 2015.

ADJOURN: Ms. Relich/ Mr. Epstein moved to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Guadalupe Mercado, Office Assistant